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CABINET POSTS IN FINLAND'S NEW GOVERNMENT

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1. ALTHOUGH FOUR FORMER IVP GRANTEES HAD THEIR CABINET POSTS IN JEOPARDY WHEN THE FIVE-PARTY MIETTINEN GOVERNMENT RESIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 17, THE NEW CENTRIST GOVERNMENT FORMED SEPTEMBER 29 AGAIN INCLUDES FOUR FORMER GRANTEES. PRIME MINISTER MIETTINEN (1966 IVP) WAS ASKED BY PRESIDENT KEKKONEN TO LEAD THE NEW MINORITY GOVERNMENT, AND EDUCATION MINISTER, PAAVO VAYRYNEN (1974 IVP) RETAINED HIS CABINET MEMBERSHIP AS HE SHIFTED TO THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AFFAIRS. EINO UUSITALO, LEADER OF THE CENTER PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP (1962 IVP) IS THE NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR, AND PROFESSOR KEIJO KORHONEN (1965-66 FULBRIGHT STUDENT GRANTEE) IS THE NEW MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. ALTHOUGH MANY FORMER IVP GRANTEES HAVE BECOME MINISTERS, KORHONEN IS ONLY THE SECOND STUDENT GRANTEE IN THE HISTORY OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN FINLAND TO REACH CABINET LEVEL.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, SEPPO WESTERLUND, THE NEW DEFENSE MINISTER WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THE USIS-SPONSORED EUROPEAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TOUR IN 1975, AND MARJATTA VAANANEN, THE NEW MINISTER OF
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EDUCATION, SPENT ONE YEAR IN THE U.S. UNDER A FORD

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